

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-2194
Gettle House
725 Miller Road
Parkton, Baltimore County
1913 Ca.
Private

The Gettle House, constructed circa 1913, is located at 725 Miller Road in Parkton, Baltimore County. The house is situated on land that was originally part of the tract on which the Sullivan-Dell House (BA-2193) stands. In 1919, Lawrence McFadden purchased some additional acreage at an auction for \$65. The house was then purchased by Julia Ensor in 1935 for \$1076. Ensor rented the property to the Gettle family, later selling it to them outright. The Gettle family remained as residents of the house from 1935 until 1997, when they sold the house to current owners Davenport and Wood. The dwelling is located in the seventh district, which was the largest and most populated region of the county in latter part of the 19th century. Constructed of wood frame, the L-shaped building was designed in the Gothic Revival style, with stylistic detailing tying it specifically to the Carpenter Gothic Revival houses of the last half of the 19th century.

Representative of the Gothic Revival style of architecture, the wood frame dwelling is two-and-a-half stories in height and three bays in width. The dwelling is set on a parged stone foundation and is clad in aluminum siding. The façade or north elevation features a full-width enclosed porch with a shed roof that obscures the first story. The porch has three 1/1 aluminum windows and a single-leaf entry on the side elevation. Three symmetrically placed 1/1 aluminum windows adorn the second story. The upper half-story has a center gable that is pierced by a round-arched 1/1 window. The side gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. On the rear of the house, there is a two-bay deep, wood frame ell and an exterior end brick chimney. Connected to the rear ell is a circa 1985 wood frame addition. One story in height, the addition has a shed roof, aluminum siding, and a poured concrete foundation. To the west of the dwelling, there are two historic outbuildings, an icehouse and a smokehouse, both of which were constructed circa 1940. There is also a non-historic garage that was erected during the last quarter of the 20th century and a circa 1970 concrete block shed.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Gettle House

other

2. Location

street and number 725 Miller Road not for publication

city, town Parkton vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Sandra Davenport and James C. Wood

street and number 725 Miller Road telephone Not Available

city, town Parkton state MD zip code 21120

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 12122 folio 445

city, town Towson tax map 17 tax parcel 3 tax ID number 0707015300

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed circa 1913, the Gettle House is located at 725 Miller Road in Parkton in the Seventh District of Baltimore County. Representative of the Gothic Revival style of architecture, the wood frame dwelling is two-and-a-half stories in height and three bays in width. The dwelling is set on a parged stone foundation and is clad in aluminum siding. The façade or north elevation features a full-width enclosed porch with a shed roof that obscures the first story. The porch has three 1/1 aluminum windows and a single-leaf entry on the side elevation. Three symmetrically placed 1/1 aluminum windows adorn the second story. The upper half-story has a center gable that is pierced by a round-arched 1/1 window. The side gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. On the rear of the house, there is a two-bay deep, wood frame ell and an exterior end brick chimney. Connected to the rear ell is a circa 1985 wood frame addition. One story in height, the addition has a shed roof, aluminum siding, and a poured concrete foundation.

To the west of the dwelling, there are two historic outbuildings, an icehouse and a smokehouse, both constructed of concrete block. Constructed circa 1940, the smokehouse has a standing seam metal shed roof and a double-leaf aluminum sliding door. The icehouse, also constructed circa 1940, has a single leaf flush wood door and a front gable roof with asphalt shingles.

There is also a non-historic garage that was erected during the last quarter of the 20th century. Constructed of prefabricated metal, the garage is clad in aluminum siding with a roll-up door and has a front gable roof with corrugated metal cladding. A circa 1970 concrete block shed stands one-and-a-half stories high and three bays wide. It is covered by a side gable roof with asphalt shingles.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1913 ca., 1935, 1997 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1913 ca., 1985 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The dwelling is located in the seventh district, which was the largest and most populated region of the county in latter part of the 19th century. The area historically consisted of rolling hills, transversed by major transportation corridors. It was supported by the cultivation of wheat, corn, oats, fruit, dairy, and the breeding of cattle. The house is situated in the town Parkton, a major railroad stop for the Northern Central Railway. Located just about twenty-five miles north of Baltimore City, the community was home to about fifty people in 1881. Parkton quickly became one of the principal shipping points between Baltimore and the Pennsylvania line. Surrounded by rural agricultural farms devoted primarily to dairy production, the small village was bisected by the York Turnpike. The intersection of this major transportation route with that of the railroad rendered the small town as the center of trade for a ten-mile radius.

Constructed of wood frame, the L-shaped building was designed in the Gothic Revival style, with stylistic detailing tying it specifically to the Carpenter Gothic Revival houses of the last half of the 19th century. Although introduced to the United States in the 1830s by architect Alexander Jackson Davis, the Carpenter Gothic Revival was popularized during the last half of the 19th century by Andrew Jackson Downing (1815-1852), a landscape architect and promoter of the cottage residence. Downing's *Victorian Cottage Residences*, published numerous times between 1842 and 1873, touting the advantages of the inexpensive, detached dwelling. He claimed that the English cottage style was "so generally admired for the picturesqueness evinced in its tall gables ornamented by handsome verge-boards and finials...showing how the genius of pointed or Gothic architecture may be chastened or moulded into forms for domestic habitations."¹ Wood frame dwellings

¹ Andrew Jackson Downing, *Victorian Cottage Residences*, (New York, NY: Dover Publications, Inc., 1981), p. 42.

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with horizontal cladding, such as that seen on the Gettle House, dominated in the Carpenter Gothic Revival style.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 3 Acres

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name New Freedom

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The house at 725 Miller Road is located in Parkton in the Seventh District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 17, parcel 3 since its construction circa 1913.

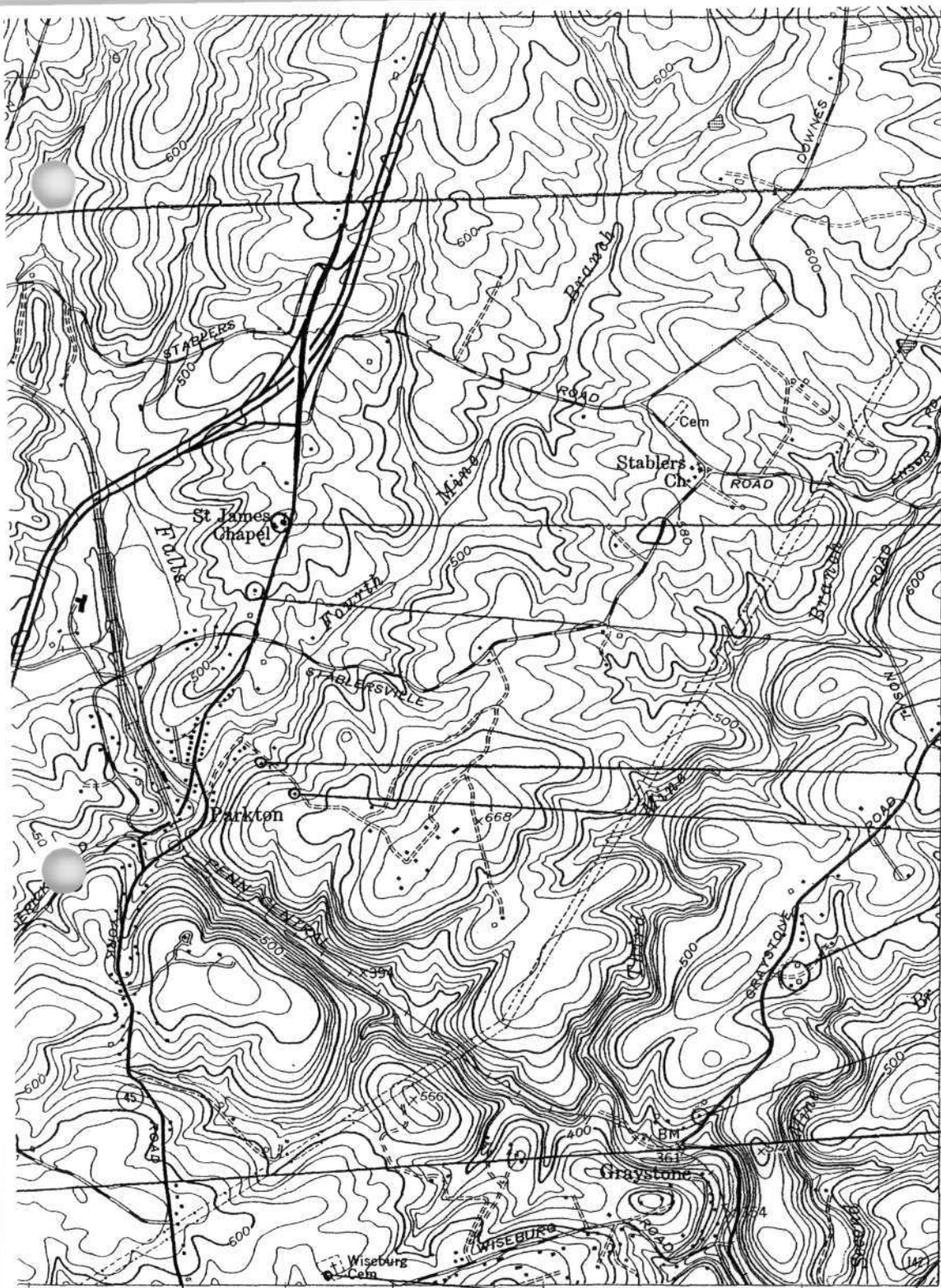
11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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TRACEY HOUSE
19919 CAMERON MILL ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0403
WITHERS-MORRIS HOUSE
19635 EAGLE MILL ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0998
ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
19200 YORK ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-1153
CASTLE CALDER
19112 YORK ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2193
707 MILLER ROAD
- BA-2194
725 MILLER ROAD
- BA-2897
BURNS-BOND HOUSE
18619 GRAYSTONE ROAD
WHITE HALL
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2740
BURNS HOUSE
18404 GRAYSTONE ROAD
WHITE HALL
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0911
OLD COOPER HOUSE
1003 OLD BARN ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

HEREFORD 2.6 MI.
(NORTH AVE) 22 MI.

INTERIOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA-1984
359000m E

39°37'30"
76°37'30"

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COOPER SCHOOL #6
1012 ARMACOST ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty _____ Light-duty _____
Medium-duty _____ Unimproved dirt _____

U.S. Route State Route



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

NEW FREEDOM, MD.-PA.

N3937.5-W7637.5/7.5

1958
PHOTOREVISED 1974
AMS 5663 II NW-SERIES V833

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1974. This information not field checked.





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PARKTON

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRAILERES

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OUTBUILDINGS

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GETTLE HOUSE - After 1913 - 725 Miller Road. Little is know of this two story home up the hill from the Sullivan-Dell house. The land was originally part of the Sullivan tract. Some of the land was bought at auction by Lawrence McFadden in 1919 for \$65 and the house may then have been built by him. Julia Ensor bought the site in 1935 for \$1076 and rented to the Gettle family, the present owners since that time. The house is not on the 1898 Bromley. The house has been modernized with white siding, porch, linoleum, etc. Willed to Maud Chivalal 28:36 - 1931.